

MONTREAT NOTES.

By J. D. Murphy.

The program committee, consisting of Dr. Walter L. Lingle, D. D., of Atlanta, Georgia, chairman, R. E. Magill, of Richmond, Virginia, secretary and Dr. Theron H. Rice, of Union Theological Seminary, has arranged a tentative program for the Montreat Assemblies of 1909, commencing about July 1. It is the purpose of the committee to furnish one of the most attractive programs ever presented in the Southern states for instruction, entertainment and spiritual inspiration. The first ten days of the Assemblies will be devoted to exercises and addresses on the various phases of Calvinism. Dr. Orr, of Scotland, will deliver several addresses in this series. Dr. White, of New York, who made such a profound impression at Montreat last summer as a Bible teacher, will be present again next summer. The Assemblies at Montreat during the summer of 1908 demonstrated the great opportunity for usefulness which Montreat possesses.

The Southern Railway Company has given out the contract for a handsome passenger station at Black Mountain, the railway station of Montreat. Black Mountain township has voted \$25,000 worth of road improvement bonds and the highway will be macadamized from Black Mountain station to the gates of Montreat, by next summer. The handsome cottage of that prince of philanthropists, Mr. C. E. Graham, of Greenville, South Carolina, near the Hotel Montreat, is about completed. The handsome cottages of Mr. W. J. Roddey and Mr. A. J. Whitener, of Rock Hill, South Carolina, two of the most widely known and best beloved business men of South Carolina, will be ready for occupancy next summer. Other cottages are being erected and negotiations are going on with contractors which indicate that a number of cottages will be built during the year 1909. July 10, 1909, is the anniversary of the birth of Calvin and we trust that there will be a great rally of Presbyterians at Montreat next summer and a tremendous impetus given to Calvinism and Presbyterianism at the great meetings to be held there. We want to emphasize one point: The conferences and assemblies at Montreat are expensive. They cost money. They are not intended as a money-making institution. In order to defray the expenses of these assemblies, admission fees will be charged. This, we hope will be thoroughly understood. This is done in accordance with the uniform custom of all like foundations. It's necessity and wisdom have been demonstrated by experience. The hotels will be under the management of the Association next summer, and we hope to make our guests comfortable.

NORTHERN ASSEMBLY.

Dr. James I. Vance, pastor of the North Reformed Church, Newark, N. J., announced to his congregation at special Christmas morning services that he had decided to decline a call from the Central Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, Ga., which he received several days ago. The announcement was followed by an unusual demonstration of pleasure on the part of the parishioners. The congregation greeted Dr. Vance with a Chautauqua salute and then sang the doxology. After

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